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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 17 to 25 March 1993.

17 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Irbil and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Lasaf, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1230 hours on 17 March 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left at 1440 hours.

18 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

19 March 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

20 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi and Salman.

21 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Basra and Qal'at Salih.

22 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Khidr, Qurnah and Busayyah.

23 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 82 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Samawah, Khidr, Salman, Shatrah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and the area to the south of Amarah.

24 March 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

25 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, the Dukan dam and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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